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1. Soviet Army AA personnel had been attached to Soviet Air Force units in Germany. such units came under the command of the Air Force; because units attached to some other branch of service wore the shoulderboards of their new branch. such artillery troops would exchange their shoulderboards for those of the Air Force. 25X1 25X1 25X1
2. Until 1952 MGB personnel were permitted to have their families in the Soviet Zone of Germany. However, since the Summer of 1952, MGB personnel no longer had that privilege. When personnel who already had their wives in Germany proceeded on leave to the USSR with their wives, the women were not allowed to return to Germany.
3. Only Army commanders and high-ranking generals were allowed to have their wives with them in Germany after the Summer of 1952. Maj. Gen. (fnu) KALINICHENKO, CO of the 4th Gds. Mecz. Army, sent his wife back to the USSR in 1953 because it was rumored that his chief of staff, Maj. Gen. (fnu) KOSHELYOV (his equal in rank) did not enjoy the same privilege of having his wife with him. 25X1
4. Military officers and noncommissioned officers (Sverkhsrochniki) were allowed to marry female military officers, female soldiers, or civilian employees; this privilege was denied to EM. Should an officer be transferred from GOFG before his wife's tour of service in Germany was completed, the latter was required to finish her tour unless she became pregnant. No explanations were ever given.

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for the policy which prohibited dependents in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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Germans were being trained as pilots on Russian engine-propelled planes.

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